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SUMMARY: WEGNER (FRG) OF BONN GROUP DESCRIBES FONOFF CONCERNS THAT SOVIETS ARE STEPPING UP ATTACKS ON FRG ACTIVITIES IN BERLIN, AT SAME TIME THAT GDR IS BECOMING MORE AGGRESSIVE IN CLAIMING NEW BERLIN ROLE FOR ITSELF. END SUMMARY.

1. WEGNER OF BONN GROUP CALLED AT MISSION ON MARCH 15. WE BRIEFED HIM ON SOME LOCAL DEVELOPMENTS, BUT MAIN CONVERSATION DEALT WITH FUTURE SOVIET/FRG AIMS IN BERLIN. WEGNER SAID THAT FONOFF SAW THE RECENT SOVIET/GDR DOCUMENTARY BOOK ON THE QA AS EXTENSION OF TENDENCIES (A) TO CONCENTRATE ATTACKS ON FRG ACTIVITIES IN BERLIN, AND (B) TO ESTABLISH SOME SORT OF GDR CO-DETERMINING ROLE FOR THE QA.

2. BY WAY OF BUILDING UP THE GDR, WEGNER NOTED THE FOLLOWING:
(A) INCREASING ATTEMPTS TO INVEST GDR WITH SPECIAL ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR QA, BASED ON ARGUMENTS THAT GDR WAS CONSULTED ABOUT IT, AND THAT GDR IS DELIVERING THE MAIN PERFORMANCES UNDER QA PROVISIONS.
(B) INCREASED GDR IMPORTUNITY IN DISCUSSING BERLIN MATTERS WITH ALLIES IN CAPITALS AND IN BERLIN, AND ALSO
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WITH THE FRG BY DEMARCHES TO CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE.
(C) PARALLELISM OF GDR AND SOVIET PROTESTS, WITH GDR SOMETIMES NOW TAKING LEAD AND COMPLAINING ABOUT SOMETHING BEFORE THE SOVIETS DO SO. (COMMENT. WEGNER GAVE NO EXAMPLES, BUT WE THINK THIS HAS OCCASIONALLY HAPPEND IN THE MITDANK/KUNZE CHANNEL. END COMMENT.)

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3. WEGNER SAID FRG WAS UNHAPPY ABOUT HEAVY CONCENTRATION OF EASTERN DISPLEASURE AGAINST FRG ACTIVITIES IN BERLIN. HE WAS GLAD THAT ALLIES HAD DRAFTED SUCH A SATISFACTORY REPLY TO THE TYUTYUNOV DEMARCHE OF LAST NOVEMBER. EASTERN SIDE WAS HAMMERING AWAY WITH THEIR DUAL INTERPRETATIONS THAT QA CONSTITUTED AGREEMENT TO REDUCE FRG PRESENCE IN BERLIN AND THAT WHAT WAS NOT ALLOWED WAS PROHIBITED. GERMANS HAD TO BE SENSITIVE TO LATTER FORMULATION, SINCE IT WAS RUBRIC WHICH REFERRED ONLY TO FRG ACTIONS. HE THEN WENT ON TO ASSERT THAT SOVIETS WERE INCREASING "SCALE" OF THEIR ATTACKS ON FRG/BERLIN TIES (BY WHICH HE SEEMED TO MEAN THEY WERE ENLARGING THE SCOPE OF THEIR ARGUMENTATION).

4. WE ADMITTED THAT THE DOCUMENTARY BOOK WAS A SIGNIFICANT PROPAGANDA MOVE, DESIGNED INTER ALIA TO ENHANCE THE APPARENT ROLE OF THE GDR ON BERLIN MATTERS. HOWEVER, WE SAID THERE WAS NO PROGRESSION OF COMMUNISH ARGUMENTS, WHICH WERE BASED ON COUNTER-INTERPRETATIONS OF THE QA THAT THE SOVIETS HAD CONSISTENTLY PROPAGATED FOR YEARS.

5. COMMENT: THE GERMANS CONCERN CAME THROUGH CLEARLY THAT THERE IS A STEPPED UP EFFORT TO PRY THEM OUT OF OR REDUCE THEIR ROLE IN BERLIN AT THE SAME TIME THE GDR IS GAINING NEW CO-DETERMINATIONAL POSSIBILITIES. WITH SUCH PREOCCUPATIONS, IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT
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THEY ARE ALTERNATELY WORRIED ABOUT THE "IF NOT SPECIFICALLY ALLOWED THEN PROHIBITED" FORMULA, AND WHETHER THE ALLIES AND THE SOVIETS HAD ANY SECRET QA UNDERSTANDINGS. ALTHOUGH WE THINK THEY OVERESTIMATED THE IMPORTANCE OF PROTESTS ABOUT THEIR ACTIVITIES,THE STEP UP IN EAST GERMAN PRETENSIONS SEEMS REAL ENOUGH. IF THE FONOFF CONTINUES IN THIS FRAME OF MIND, WE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF THEY GESTATED SOME SPECIAL REQUESTS FOR REMEDIAL ASSURANCES OR STATEMENTS AT THE NEXT NATO MINISTERIAL.GEORGE

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